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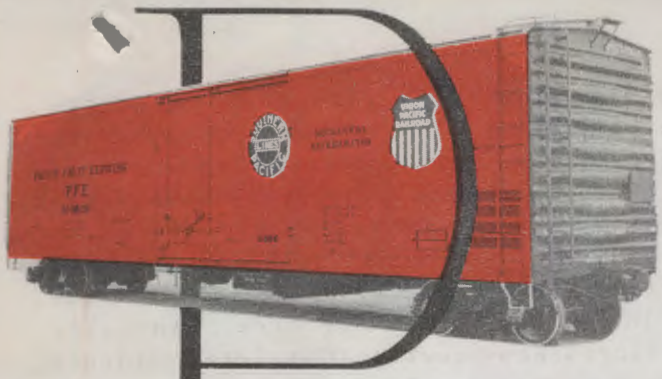

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NEWS LETTER

PACIFIC FRUIT EXPRESS COMPANY
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

JANUARY 1960

P.F.E. LOADINGS

	1959			1958		
	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total
December	*25,272*	*2,921*	*28,193*	*24,876*	*1,182*	*26,058*
Year	*304,556*	*35,092*	*339,648*	*318,463*	*29,871*	*348,334*

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CAR SITUATION

Car supplies improved rapidly during Holiday Week and the over-all situation was satisfactory through the first ten days of January. Heavy potato and onion loading in Idaho commenced on January 2nd and continued in heavy daily volume, which, with reduction in westbound tide of PFE cars at Missouri River Junctions, resulted in a steady shrinkage of supply in Idaho. In order to maintain an adequate working supply it was necessary to turn cars intended for the Rock Island to the Union Pacific at Kansas City for rush movement to Idaho. Heavy rains along the West Coast of Mexico and rains and cold weather in Imperial Valley have decreased loading, which has resulted in large build-up of car supply in Southern California and Arizona. Indications are that car situation will be on a satisfactory basis through January and early February.

CROP CONDITIONS

ALONG UNION PACIFIC -

Utah-Idaho District: Markets for Idaho potatoes have been good at consistently high prices. This has resulted in a steady movement in heavy volume since first of the year. With a lighter crop in cold storages and heavy supplies being diverted to processors, confidence is expressed that their markets will prevail and loadings are expected to continue in good volume through the month if recent extremely cold weather does not interfere with loadings. Shipping of onions from storages in western Idaho is progressing normally and should continue in steady volume through this month. Weather throughout the territory has been dry and there is fear of acute water shortages as sources of Snake River are at lowest level ever recorded. The entire State of Utah has had the driest November and December in its recorded history.

In the *Northwest District* loadings from this area during January will follow usual pattern. With eastern apple crops pretty well disposed of, demand for Yakima Valley apples has improved and advertising campaigns in some marketing centers are expected to provide a continued demand for Washington crops. In western Washington nursery stock loading is underway, and is creating demands for large refrigerator cars which is expected to continue into February. Beer loading in refrigerator cars is expected to improve during January.

Eastern District: There will be a light movement of western Nebraska potatoes and some onion movement from Lyman, Nebraska, and Eden, Colorado, during the month. Other shipping consists of frozen foods, meat products, and miscellaneous commodities, mainly from Omaha-Kansas City areas.

ALONG SOUTHERN PACIFIC -

Oregon: Storage pears from Rogue River Valley and potatoes from Klamath Basin comprise the principal shipping crops from southern Oregon, while in territory Eugene and north to Portland loadings consist of frozen foods, canned goods, onions, and other miscellaneous commodities. Pear storages in Rogue River Valley are much lighter than last year and shippers are content to move their pears in relatively light volume so as not to disturb a favorable market demand that has existed for some time. Movement of potatoes from Klamath Basin continues in very good volume which is well above that of last year. Both potatoes and pears are moving in heavier per car tonnage under incentive rates.

Northern California: Porterville citrus has been moving in consistently good volume which is expected to continue through the month. Although freezing temperatures were experienced in this area first few days of January, little damage has occurred as groves were well protected by firing and use of wind machines. Miscellaneous vegetables from Salinas Valley are moving in normally light seasonal volume which will continue through month. Canned goods loading in San Francisco Bay Area, San Jose, and Sacramento-Stockton Districts continues in good seasonal volume; however, movement is now somewhat lighter than that of last year due to greater availability and use of DF cars.

Southwestern District: Recent heavy rains in Imperial Valley and along West Coast of Mexico, coupled with extremely low temperatures in southern California and Arizona early in the month, have interfered with harvesting and retarded maturity of crops in those areas. However, with resumption of normal clearing weather it is expected that lettuce loading from Imperial and imports of tomatoes and other vegetables from Mexico will be resumed in heavy volume that is normal for this time of year. Harvesting of celery along SD&AE is underway in good seasonal volume and will continue steadily through January. In area west of Banning citrus loading will show a gradual seasonal increase as also will miscellaneous vegetables along Pacific Electric and in Oxnard-Carpinteria area. Vegetable loading in Guadalupe-Santa Maria District will commence a slight seasonal decline during last half of January.

T&NO: Weather conditions in Rio Grande Valley and in Uvalde-Eagle Pass areas have been satisfactory, with occasional light beneficial rains. Vegetable production in these areas is well underway and should continue to move in heavy volume through January and far exceed movement of last year when there were light crops due to a long period of very unsatisfactory weather.

Mr. L. K. "Tam" Tambling, Chief Clerk to the Assistant Chief Engineer, in the San Francisco office, retired December 31st after 43-1/2 years of meritorious service. His name occupied No. 2 position on the Seniority Roster for the Administrative Office.

Tam was given a send-off by his many friends at a luncheon at the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

As a hobby, he plans to spend his idle hours selling real estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Tambling make their home at 609 Camino Amigo, Danville, California.

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The Management extends congratulations and best wishes to the following PFE employes who reached service anniversaries with our Company during the month of January 1960:

35 YEARS SERVICE

Paul R. Mosteller	Accounting Department	San Francisco
Julius Nyulassie	Superintendent's Office	Los Angeles
Arthur H. Haggstrom	Car Department	Los Angeles
Harry W. Blizard	Car Department	Los Angeles
William L. Cottrell	Car Department	Los Angeles

30 YEARS SERVICE

T. J. Warren	Agency	El Paso
Louis H. Boehm	Car Department	Los Angeles
Jose M. Hernandez	Car Department	Los Angeles
Herbert H. Maloski	Car Department	Los Angeles
Robert A. Valdez	Car Department	Los Angeles

25 YEARS SERVICE

F. C. Forrest	Car Department	Pocatello
Sebastiano Formento	Car Department	Los Angeles
Frank P. Massafra	Car Department	Los Angeles
John Hensley	Car Department	Tucson
Stanley G. Peters	Car Department	Tucson

20 YEARS SERVICE

L. M. Roschevitz	District Agency	Kansas City
J. Kuhovich	District Agency	Kansas City
C. W. Gardner	District Agency	Kansas City
Clyde N. Bowlin	Car Department	Los Angeles
Frank H. Nichols	Car Department	Nampa
Warren C. Bertleson	Car Department	Nampa
Ray C. Diehm	Car Department	Nampa
Verle M. Tate	Car Department	Roseville
James E. Richardson	Car Department	Tucson
Hubert J. Smith	Car Department	Tucson
Robert L. Gorrell	Car Department	Tucson

15 YEARS SERVICE

James A. Jenkins	Accounting Department	San Francisco
C. N. Millner	Agency	Denver
K. G. Wilson	Superintendent's Office	Portland
Mrs. Kathryn R. Hartung	Agency	Tucson
Frank Metcalf	Store Department	Nampa
Reiner Kreps	Car Department	Nampa
Harold W. Robert	Car Department	Nampa
George H. Van Slyke	Car Department	Nampa
Felix M. Rivera	Ice Plant	North Platte

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The following PFE people have recently retired from our service and to each of them we extend our best wishes for a long and happy retirement:

Donald R. Gordon	Accountant	Houston, Texas
Edmund J. Harmer	Carman	Roseville, California
Virgil H. Mulch	Equipment Dispatcher	Roseville, California
Florence L. Schraemli	Senior Claim Clerk	San Francisco, California
William W. Siebold	Shift Foreman	North Platte, Nebraska
George H. Smart	Carman	Los Angeles, California
Pascual M. Vargas	Carman	Los Angeles, California
Orral T. Whitehead	Carman	Roseville, California
Grover C. Williams	Yard Clerk	Los Angeles, California
Rulon W. Wood	Carman	Los Angeles, California
Howard F. Wright	Yard Clerk	Santa Barbara, California
Arthur L. Young	Chief Clerk	Colton, California

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Safety program on PFE for 1959 resulted in ten less reportable injury cases than in 1958. As a result, following departments were accident-free and are entitled to safety awards:

Districts:	Western, Northwestern, Central (SP), Central (UP), Eastern, Southwestern
Icing Platforms:	Kansas City, Yuma
Car Department:	Pocatello
Store Department:	Pocatello, Los Angeles, Roseville, Tucson
Ice Plants:	Nampa, North Platte, Ogden, Las Vegas, Modesto Bakersfield, Tucson, Colton
Car Cleaning:	North Platte
EC&M Department:	M. B. Webb W. D. Price O. F. Vaught

In addition to the yearly awards, North Platte Cleaning, Pocatello Store, and Tucson Ice Plant have gone five years without a reportable injury case. This entitles them to the Vice President's Special Award.

Records such as above prove the PFE is and can continue to be a *SAFE* place to work if everyone does his part by getting and staying 100% behind our Safety Program.

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"The only gracious way to accept an insult is to ignore it; if you can't ignore it, top it; if you can't top it, laugh at it; if you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved."

--Russell Lynes

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CHAS. AHERN
Vice President & General Manager